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### Tito well guarded in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, March 29, (R). — President Tito of Yugoslavia arrived here today amid unprecedented security precautions for a four-day visit during which he will have talks with Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme.

On Wednesday the 83-year-old Yugoslav leader will have discussions with Mr. Palme on international issues including the non-aligned summit which is to be held in Sri Lanka this August.

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## Germany: it is time Palestinians to have their own state

(Agencies) — his 130-strong delegation received a 21-gun salute and full military honours.

But a government spokesman said this was the only military concession the president was likely to receive from Bonn, which has banned arms sales to areas of tension.

As the richest member of the European community, West Germany will place the accent on financial assistance. It has already agreed to advance large capital aid to Egypt this year.

Mr. Sadat will later visit France, Italy, Yugoslavia and Australia, including the Vatican where he will meet the Pope.

West German industrialists and trade unionists, worried by rising unemployment, have protested against Bonn's self-imposed arms embargo. But the government refuses to relax the ban for fear of reaction from Moscow and Israel.

France has said it is ready to supply Egypt with arms on a long-term basis.

Bonn officials said the Alpha jet, a close-support plane jointly developed by France and Germany will figure in the talks here. France might supply 120 (Continued on page 6)

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first visit to an Egyptian r. Sadat and with Abu Dhabi.



TAKEN OVER. — Leftist guerrillas are seen in Beirut's Normandy Hotel Monday after they captured it from rightist Phalangist militiamen. (AP wirephoto).

## King Hussein in Washington to start American visit

WASHINGTON, March 29 (Agencies). — His Majesty King Hussein arrived here today at the start of an official visit during which he is scheduled to meet with President Ford, Secretary of State Kissinger, Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and members of Congress.

Prime Minister Zeid Rifai is also slated to take parts in the Washington talks.

King Hussein is scheduled to visit Chicago, New Orleans, San Francisco and Los Angeles, where he will likely meet with leading American businessmen interested in taking part in the current five-year plan in Jordan. (Continued on page 6)

## Lebanese leftists dominate hotels; will consider a "partial ceasefire"

BEIRUT, March 29 (Agencies). — President Suleiman Franjeh clung doggedly to power today before a rising tide of leftist advances in the Lebanese civil war.

The Beirut Hilton — the last right-wing bastion guarding the approaches to the Maronite redoubt of east Beirut as well as a strategic route to the rightist-held Beirut harbour was captured by leftists and Palestinian gunmen last night after months of fighting for control of the once-luxurious hotel district.

Left-wing gunmen told Reuters that four Phalangist fighters were holding out on the top floors of the 17-storey hotel. "But there is no rush — we can wait," one said.

A pro-leftist radio station said Mr. Franjeh's north Lebanese home town of Zgharta was besieged and under heavy artillery bombardment.

Outside the battered capital, the leftists have been advancing slowly but steadily on Maronite lands northeast of Beirut, a region of high plateaux and deep, rocky valleys.

Phalangist and Nasserite radios both claimed control of the two mountain villages of Mtein and Aintoura, which have been battlegrounds for several days.

The radios also reported new clashes around Zahle, a Christian town on an important road junction in eastern Lebanon.

Phalangist radio said a sporadic artillery duel was taking place between Aley and Kahale, the Christian town which bars the leftists' way to the presidential palace abandoned by Mr. Franjeh in the teeth of an artillery and rocket assault last week.

Top leftists met today at Aley, headquarters of Progressive Socialist leader Kamal Jumblatt. They discussed Mr. Jumblatt's talks in Damascus on Saturday.

After the three-hour meeting Mr. Jumblatt told reporters there were no new developments — and the crash of a mortar nearby underlined his point.

Asked about prospects for a ceasefire, he said there was talk of a truce to allow parliament to meet.

"It will be a partial ceasefire," he said, adding that he had no idea when it would take place. "I am not an astrologer," he declared.

He said the leftists were looking for a political solution to the crisis, but were prepared to make a further military push against the hard-pressed rightists if the political solution failed to materialise.

Mr. Jumblatt indicated that he wanted parliament to meet to pass a constitutional amendment stipulating that the president step down as soon as a successor is elected, or be stripped of power.

Syria has been consulting France on ways of restoring peace in Lebanon, informed French sources in Paris said today.

The sources said the contacts had been made through normal diplomatic channels, with Syrian officials underlining their country's continuing desire to mediate in the Lebanon crisis and head off outside intervention.

Syrian concern about possible intervention by Israel had presumably been mentioned during these contacts, the sources said, but the Damascus government had not formally asked France to help block any Israeli military move.

Meanwhile, in Cairo, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy today petitioned the Arab League to send an emergency military force from several Arab nations to Lebanon to help stop the fighting in that country it was reported here.

The Middle East News Agency said Mr. Fahmy had informed Arab League Secretary General Mahmoud Riad of an Egyptian National Security Council Meeting this morning which called for such action.

United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zaid Bin Sulayman echoed the call for armed intervention by Arab states to Lebanon's bloody civil war, in remarks at a meeting with

Saudi journalists in Abu Dhabi last night.

Sheikh Zaid told Saudi journalists accompanying King Khalid of Saudi Arabia on his Gulf tour that "the Arab states must use force to end the shedding of Arab blood" in Lebanon.

The Kuwaiti foreign minister said today however that his country does not support the call for military intervention.

U.S. offers to help find solution for Lebanon

WASHINGTON, March 29 (R). — The United States warned today against any military intervention in Lebanon, and offered to assist find a solution which would protect all groups and communities in the country.

The offer came in an official State Department statement here.

The statement did not elaborate on the U.S. offer to assist towards a political solution on the basis of non-intervention and political compromise.

"The political compromise worked out with constructive Syrian assistance in connection with the January 22 ceasefire appears to us to provide a fair basis for such a solution," the statement went on.

"It appears to us, moreover, that a ceasefire and an orderly and constitutional resolution of the presidential question are necessary if progress is to be made on the more fundamental issues."

Officials said the United States was not necessarily endorsing President Suleiman Franjeh staying in office but simply wanted to see an orderly solution to the dispute over whether he should remain in office.

Local march today set as show of solidarity

AMMAN, (JT). — A symbolic march of solidarity with the Palestinian people of the occupied West Bank will set out from here Tuesday as part of the observance of "The Day of Jerusalem and the Land."

A contingent of 150 people representing political and social groups in Jordan will set out from Amman in a convoy of buses that will take them to the Jordan Valley, from where they will proceed on foot to the King Hussein Bridge on the Jordan River. There several personalities will deliver addresses of support for the people under Israeli occupation.

A mass rally will also be held at the King Hussein Sports City here Tuesday evening.

In a related development, the Malaysian government has decided to observe April 2 as a Malaysian Arab Palestinian "solidarity day," Foreign Affairs Minister Tengku Ahmad Rithauddeen said Monday.

He said the government fully supported the recent decisions of the Islamic Conference Permanent Committee on Jerusalem, which recommended

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PRESIDENTIAL COUPLES. — President Sadat of Egypt (left) and his wife Jehan (second from right) pose for photographers in Bonn Monday with West German President Walter Scheel and his wife Mildred. (AP wirephoto).

## Khaled in Oman on last stop in his Gulf tour

MUSCAT, March 29, (R). — King Khaled of Saudi Arabia and his host, Oman's Sultan Qaboos, today held talks understood to be centred on the possible withdrawal of Iranian forces from the Sultan's territory, which controls the entrance to the world's richest oil producing region.

King Khaled arrived here earlier today from Abu Dhabi for consultations with the Sultan which have been billed outside Oman as the most significant in the Saudi Monarch's Gulf tour.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, who is accompanying his uncle King Khaled on his tour, said in Bahrain last week that Saudi Arabia hoped the end of the war in Southwest Oman would bring about the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Oman.

Saudi Arabia and Oman have still not finally settled the border between them but the Riyadh government has quietly shelved its claim to the Buraimi Oasis which Oman shares with Abu Dhabi.

King Khaled and Sultan Qaboos were due to exchange decorations tonight before attending a state banquet.

The Saudi leader leaves here for home tomorrow at the end of his tour which took him to Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) before his arrival here.

King Khaled was quoted in Abu Dhabi earlier in the day as saying that the security of the Gulf depended on solidarity among its states and their refusal to allow any outside power to interfere in Gulf affairs.

The talks between King Khaled and UAE President Sheikh Zayed in Abu Dhabi covered the possible creation of a common market among the Gulf's Arab states, pan-Gulf security arrangements which would link the Arab states and Iran, relations between the two countries and Arab affairs in general, officials said.

Sheikh Zayed was quoted this morning as saying that the proposed common market would be a first step towards Gulf political union.

## Expulsion of Arabs elicits criticism in Israel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Mar. 29, (Agencies). — The Israeli government today came under a barrage of domestic criticism for its expulsion of two prominent Arab leftists who were alleged to have incited anti-Israeli demonstrations by Arab residents.

The expelled men had planned to stand in next month's elections in the occupied West Bank area. But when the first candidates registered today, the leftists — Dr. Ahmed Hamzi Natshi, a surgeon from Hebron, and Mr. Abdul Aziz Haj Ahmed of Al Bireh — had already been expelled.

Israeli newspapers were almost unanimous in condemning the expulsions, calling them hasty and ill-considered. They especially criticised the fact that the deportations were carried out 15 minutes before the two men were due to lodge an appeal before a high court judge.

As the authorities braced themselves for a 24-hour strike called for tomorrow by left-wing Arab leaders, most schools closed in Arab Jerusalem in protest against yesterday's arrest of about 50 school girls and teachers. They were alleged to have participated in a demonstration which followed a period of widespread resistance in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

The girls and teachers were later released after being fined, but the arrests caused indignation among Arabs in East Jerusalem and heavy police reinforcements stood by to prevent further demonstrations.

Teachers at most East Jerusalem schools today sent the children home in protest against the entry of Israeli police yesterday into the girls' high school.

Police said they were forced to enter the Maamoniya High School to arrest the Arab students and three teachers for staging what they called an "illegal demonstration."

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## This special day

Today has been declared "The Day of Jerusalem and the Land" by the Arab population of the occupied territories, as well as a day of protest to be observed by the Arab population within Israel. The Arabs inside Israel are protesting an Israeli government plan to expropriate several thousand acres of land in Galilee to set up Jewish towns and projects in order to retain and expand the Jewish presence in that largely Arab area.

This is a day when we would ask all people of conscience to take a few moments and focus on the meaning of what is going on in Israel and on the occupied West Bank. There will be marches and strikes and various messages of solidarity in the air today, but the simple reason for making this a special day is to bring a wrong situation to the attention of an inattentive world. It is in this context, and in keeping with our particular role as an English-language newspaper in the Middle East, that we ask our readers today — particularly our non-Arab readers — to seek the full meaning of "The Day of Jerusalem and the Land."

Why have the people of the West Bank and the people in Galilee decided they need to mount what is to them a monumental act of defiance by calling this day of open protest? There will be severe reprisals by the Israeli authorities, including jailings, beatings, closing of shops, fines and, very likely, a few more expulsions of Palestinian Arabs here and there.

This is the reason the Arab people of Palestine have been moved to public protest. This is what we ask our readers to look into more closely, and to raise among friends and public officials back in their own country.

This is the reality of Palestine and Israel that we seek to bring to the attention of our readers, and the world.

We ask you to take a hard look at a map of the Middle East and ask yourself whether there is not room on that map for a country called Palestine, and then to further ask how it is that the nation of Palestine has been left off the map because of the intrusion and continued expansion of a country called Israel.

The further reality is that Israel has expanded since its inception in the minds of a group of Jewish settlers, and has not stopped expanding to this very day. Only last week, another one hundred Jewish settlers moved into an area outside Nablus, on the occupied West Bank, and set up their settlement of caravans. Houses will shortly go up, gardens will be started, and a new Israeli village will spring up on a bit of land that has always been an Arab bit of land.

Since Israel took over the West Bank and the Golan Heights in June 1967, it has set up 63 settlements in these areas.

It has expelled several thousand Palestinian Arabs.

It has jailed several thousand other Palestinian Arabs.

It has moved sluggishly if at all to thwart the encroachments on Islamic and Christian holy places of militant Jews, and has officially allowed excavations and tunnelings to go on in, under and around some of the most sacred and revered shrines of Islam.

It has moved to indelibly and, in its eyes, inalterably change the demographic reality of Jerusalem by ringing the city with huge apartment complexes of new Jewish immigrants from abroad.

Now it moves to change the demographic character of the Arab region of Galilee, inside Israel's borders, because Israel is a state with one overriding concern — the Judaisation of Palestine.

This is why today has been set aside as a special day of protest. But we hope it will also be a day of introspection and thought.

We ask our readers to think for a moment why they happen to be here in Jordan and the Middle East. Business? Diplomatic service? Tourism? Whatever the reason, we think it incumbent upon them to appreciate the special meaning of this day to all Arabs, and above all the Arab people who know themselves as Palestinians despite their dismemberment from the land, the dissemination of their nation and the continued physical and moral violence that is done to them.

The best thing the interested visitor or guest in Jordan can do today is to make that difficult shift from simple natural sympathy for a displaced Palestinian to a deep investigation of the intrusive Israeli. The dilemma of Palestine will be resolved only when the dilemma of the Jews is settled, and the way to this end is not through continued acquiescence in the face of Israeli expansion and occupation, but rather in a concerted effort to make the Israelis face up to their deeds, and face up to themselves.

This is the purpose of the Day of Jerusalem and the Land.

## Iraqi aid for 5-Year Plan concentrates on highways

AMMAN. — Iraq has expressed its willingness to support the Five Year development plan projects, said the Minister of Finance Salem Massa'deh upon his return here Monday from Baghdad where he headed Jordanian economic and financial delegation which held talks with Iraqi government officials on the possibility of the latter's participating in some of the projects.

The talks, he added, centred on transport by land, and the financing of projects relevant to opening roads and the transfer of previous allocations from the Port of Aqaba to roads.

The two parties, during their talks, had signed an amendment protocol to the economic and technical cooperation agreement signed by them last year. According to this protocol, the Iraqi government agreed to finance road projects to the amount of ID11.5 million, besides transferring the ID7 million previously allocated to enlarging the quays of the Port of Aqaba, to the road projects.

Meetings were also held between the Jordanian delegation and the President of the Iraqi External Development Fund and officials from the Iraqi Planning and Transport Ministries in which the Jordanian delegation explained to the Iraqis the far-reaching effects of the 5 Year Development Plan and the projects in need of financing.

An official Iraqi delegation will attend the Jordanian Development Conference scheduled here at the end of April.

## Contrary to rumor cement prices will not rise

AMMAN. — The price of Cement will not be increased, sources at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce said Saturday, to refute recent rumors that the Ministry is studying the possibility of increasing these prices.

The Ministry sources added, has no intention to do so and any merchant contravening the official prices will be heavily fined.

## A dirty deal

AMMAN. — An agreement was signed here Monday at the Municipal Hall between Jordan and West Germany according to which the latter will supply the Municipality of Amman with 20 to 23 garbage trucks costing JD87,500 in the framework of West Germany's assistance to the municipality to enable it to improve its services.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Commenting on the popular march which starts Tuesday morning from Amman to the Jordan River bridges Al Shaab said Monday the procession will give the occupation authorities and the whole world practical proof that "we in the East Bank stand with all our hearts and sentiments by the side of our brothers in the West Bank, as a display of solidarity with their heroic struggle against Israeli occupation and practices." The paper refers to various manifestations of resistance, protests and strikes in the West Bank and says all these activities prove the fallacy and mendacity of the Israeli theory of peaceful co-existence between Arabs and the Zionist occupation authorities in the land of Palestine.

Al Rai, Al Dustour and several Syrian and Kuwaiti press organs were critical of President Sadat's call for Arab military intervention in Lebanon.

Under the heading "Talking about Lebanon, but the Target Was Syria," Al Rai says President Sadat knows perfectly well that the 'Arabisation' experiment in the Lebanese crisis did not succeed in the political field or within the framework of the Arab League. The paper considers that Sadat's unilateral call is merely aimed at keeping away Syria's mediation, or at least reducing Syria's role in Lebanese affairs. "Nobody or nothing can prevent Syria from playing its national Arab role in the Lebanese crisis," the paper said.

Al Dustour says Lebanon is now passing through the most perilous phase in its history. "As we have said many times before, Syria still holds the key to rescue Lebanon and save the Arab area. Moreover, all the warring factions in Lebanon welcomed the Syrian intervention, even if it took a military guise. Hence, we do not approve of President Sadat's view for the despatch of 'symbolic' Arab forces to Lebanon," the paper said.

Al Dustour gave several rea-

sons for this among which is that the situation in Lebanon needs more than a 'symbolic' force to achieve the sought objectives, and the armed factions there are far from disciplined and might attempt to exploit the anarchistic situation for their own ends. The paper also doubts whether the present inter-Arab position can bring about the prerequisite cooperation over such a complex and intricate situation as the Lebanese people are now experiencing.

Damascus Radio Monday said that Sadat's proposal was aimed at foiling the Syrian initiative and casting doubt on Syria's role in Lebanon. "This role is designed only to re-establish order and security in the brotherly country," it said, adding "Any one who stands in the face of the Syrian initiative will only be serving the American Central Intelligence Agency and the Zionist enemy."

Al Baath of Syria says "President Sadat's dramatic interest in the Lebanese tragedy is merely an attempt to ignore facts and is unprecedented. 'It is just like treating with sedatives someone suffering from brain damage,' it added.

"Lebanon's sufferings are due to the Egyptian-Israeli Sinai agreement concluded by Sadat who, before making any proposal to solve the Lebanese crisis, should have sought the causes of the trouble," Al Baath said.

Another Syrian paper, Tishrin, says the Egyptian proposal was part of a suspicious plan now becoming evident. It added: "It is well known that the Zionist enemy cannot accept the stationing of Arab troops in Lebanon and may use this as a pretext to interfere and fulfil its aims of expansion in southern Lebanon. Syria will not accept this, and will face it whatever the outcome," it said.

The paper asked whether the proposal was "designed to create an atmosphere in Lebanon making it easy to impose a de facto and political partitioning in Lebanon sought by the sus-

## British art educator assesses the local picture

By Heather Crawford  
 Special to the Jordan Times

"There appears to be in Jordan a well established tradition of a high standard of craft, namely jewelry making, weaving and embroidery. However, there seems to be little cultural tradition in the visual representation arts, such as painting, and this is something which should be built up."

Such is the opinion of Mr. Ian Simpson, Principal of St. Martins School of Art in London, who is visiting Jordan under the auspices of the British Council and at the invitation of the Department of Culture and Art.

He has been asked to look at the Institute of Fine Arts and at fine art education in general in the teacher training colleges, the university and the country's schools. His evaluation of the situation that exists and his recommendations for future improvements in the system will be presented in a report, with specific reference to the Institute of Fine Arts.

The quality of art education is obviously directly related to the standard of the teachers, and most qualified people in fine arts in Jordan have had training elsewhere, such as at colleges in England. One of the main problems here is that students finishing courses at the Institute don't receive any recognised qualifications, and those with promise have to apply for scholarships to study abroad.

This is one aspect on which

Mr. Simpson will be giving his expert advice. As a member of the Council for National Academic Awards in Britain, which evaluates all degree courses in Fine Art, he is well qualified to help.

Art education in the schools here is often given by teachers not specifically trained in the arts, although, art specialists are now beginning to be trained at the teacher training colleges, where two-thirds of study time is given to the student's chosen specialisation.

Not enough time is devoted to the teaching of art in the elementary and secondary schools, and this combined with unqualified teaching, means a fairly low standard as students enter teacher training or the Institute with a very limited art background.

Mr. Simpson also believes that local artists must use direct observation and representation of things apparent in their own environment, rather than limit themselves to the conventionally acceptable art objects of the Western world. He is himself a painter, and despite having the demanding job of being Principal of what is reput-

dly the oldest art school in Britain, with 600 full-time students, he considers it important to pursue his professional career. Exhibition of his work are frequent.

Mr. Simpson has accumulated books on painting and he has devised a series of 10

mmes, called Picturing, was for novices, tempted to introduce to painting. These suits are rather time consuming, and he would prefer more time to his though Mr. Simpson believes that artists can live by painting apart from the few who earn their living commercial painting.

Mr. Simpson hopes enough free time he can devote to painting on canvas some colour before he retires.

Tonight, at the British Council at 6:00 p.m. he will give a slide lecture on art in Britain which has great value to anyone in fine arts and education.

## New Bahrain-Jordan agreements outlined

AMMAN. — The economic agreement recently concluded between Jordan and Bahrain became effective as of March 15 following its ratification by the governments of both countries.

The agreement allows the import and export of all agricultural, animal, industrial and natural resources products between the two countries.

All products will be completely exempted from any customs duties on condition that a certificate of their being disease-free submitted by the pertinent exporters or importers to the customs authorities.

It also enunciates the establishment of joint industrial ventures in any of the two countries and ensures the capitals invested of the same status given to local investors in areas such as industrial protection.

Work and residence permits will be provided to nationals of each country.

Tourism will also be encouraged between Jordan and Bahrain.

The agreement also provides for the establishment of Trade Centres and the organisation of permanent exhibitions by the two parties.

A joint committee will be set up to meet alternately in Amman and Bahrain and will be entrusted to follow up implementation of the agreement and study new proposals to consolidate economic cooperation between the two countries.

The Ministry of Finance/Cu-

## More power planned for Zerqa region

AMMAN. — The Jordan Electricity Authority is contacting local and foreign firms for the construction of a third electricity generating station. For that purpose it has requested the government to proceed towards the expropriation of 110 dunums surrounding the Al Hussein thermal station in Zerqa where the intended station will be set up.

stoms has circulated this agreement to all nian border posts for entation.

## NATION BRIEF

● AMMAN. — A decree was issued Sunday by the Minister of the Interior and Reconciliation Sobhi Amin Amr as the Minister during of Prime Minister who is accompanying the King on his United States.

● AMMAN. — Two French military academies will visit here on a visit here Hussein Airbase.

● AMMAN. — A Commercial delegation will arrive here next month with Jordanian officials.

● AMMAN. — The Upper House of the Bahjat Talhou Monday the West d'Affaires in

● AMMAN. — The Central Bank of accounts of non-residents in foreign exchange JD6 million during the last year.

● AMMAN. — Taiwan will visit Jordan in April at the invitation of the Municipality of Amman.

● AMMAN. — The Ministry of Agriculture, will represent the International Water Commission to be held in May 27.

● AMMAN. — Jordan will participate in the session of the Aviation Commission to be held in Montevideo on April 21.

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mentation there. They were accompanied by the Syrian Minister of Agriculture.

## U.S. dependence on Arab oil imports increases

NEW YORK, March 29 (AFP). — The major share of oil imported by the United States last year came from outside the A-

### \$140m to dig 280 km canal in South Sudan

KHARTOUM, March 29 (AFP). — A joint Egypto-Sudanese delegation has completed negotiations with a French consortium on a project to dig a 280 km long irrigation canal in South Sudan at an estimated total cost of £70 million (\$140 million).

The Undersecretary of Sudan's Irrigation Ministry Kamal Ali said today that results of the negotiations with the companies de Construction Internationales and the Compagnie Française d'Entreprises would be submitted to "circles concerned in the Sudanese and Egyptian government."

The project officials called the "Jonglei Canal Project" will make available 4,000 million cubic metres of water by linking two points along the White Nile in upper Nile province in order to channel river water now lost through evaporation in swamps.

Costs will be shared equally by Sudan and Egypt. By using extra water, the project will provide electricity by harnessing the canal's waters.

### Cyprus, Yugoslavia to sign economic, technical agreement

BELGRADE, March 29 (R). — Cyprus Finance Minister Andreas Patsalides arrived here today to sign a long-term agreement on economic and technical cooperation with Yugoslavia, the News Agency Tanjug reported.

Mr. Patsalides' programme includes talks with his Yugoslav counterpart, Mr. Momcilo Cernovic, and a tour of the Beograd agricultural combine near here.

### Japan to set up center to improve Middle, Far East port facilities

TOKYO, March 29 (AFP). — An international maritime development research center is shortly to be set up by the Japanese government and private enterprises to improve port and harbor facilities of the Middle and Near East and southeast Asian countries.

This was revealed by monetary sources here Saturday, which said that the task of the centre will be to cooperate with these countries, above all, to eliminate costly delays to shipping at their ports and harbors.

Promoters of the centre will meet on April 2. Yoshihiro Inayama, Board Chairman of Nippon Steel Corporation, will be the representative promoter.

In Middle and Near East countries, it sometimes takes as much as six months for ships which have come near their ports to come alongside the piers for instance, at the port of Khorramshar on the Arabian Gulf, ships must wait offshore until they can come alongside the pier for 107-180 days, while other vessels are held up offshore at the port of Jeddah in Saudi Arabia.

Following the meeting of its promoters on April 2, the international maritime development research center is to be set up around June with investments from the Transport Ministry and Industrial and Monetary Interests.

merican continent (Latin America, Mexico and Canada) for the first time, the Petroleum Research Industry Foundation, a private body, said here.

The foundation stressed the growing dependence of the U.S. on Arab oil suppliers. Last year the countries in the American continent supplied only 41 per cent of imports against 52 per cent in 1974.

Canada and Venezuela accounted for a lesser share while the Arab nations were more significant suppliers. Deliveries from Mexico rose appreciably however, although they are still relatively small.

At the end of last year daily imports from Mexico were averaging 89,000 barrels or 4.5 million tons annually.

In all, U.S. oil imports last year came to 6.2 million barrels a day, meeting 38.7 per cent of needs, compared with 38.3 per cent in 1974 and 38.1 per cent in 1973, the foundation noted.

## Iran to buy U.S. arms in oil-for-weapons deal

WASHINGTON, March 29 (R). — Iran has re-opened talks for a big purchase of American arms, this time on the basis of proposed oil-for-weapons barter deals, U.S. government sources said today.

The arms purchase talks had begun earlier but were cancelled two months ago because of a cash shortage.

In the resumed bargaining, Iran is believed to be near agreement with the General Dynamics company for the sale of 360 new F-16 jet fighters in exchange for more than \$2,000 million worth of oil.

The oil would be purchased by one of the so-called independent oil companies, which are short of crude, rather than the regular Iranian consortium of Exxon, Standard of California, Texaco, Mobil, Gulf and British Petroleum.

The sale of oil to independent firms would increase Iran's share of the crude oil market while augmenting the foreign sales of American arms producers.

The sources said Iran was discussing similar oil barter deals with Litton Industries for two more DD-96 spruance class destroyers and with Boeing for up to 10 radar surveillance planes.

Iran two months ago cancelled two of the six spruance destroyers it had ordered and stopped talks on the F-16 fighters and radar planes, in a decision that reflected the rising cost of U.S. weapons and Iran's declining oil profits.

Over the last four years, Iran has bought more than \$9,000 million worth of American arms.

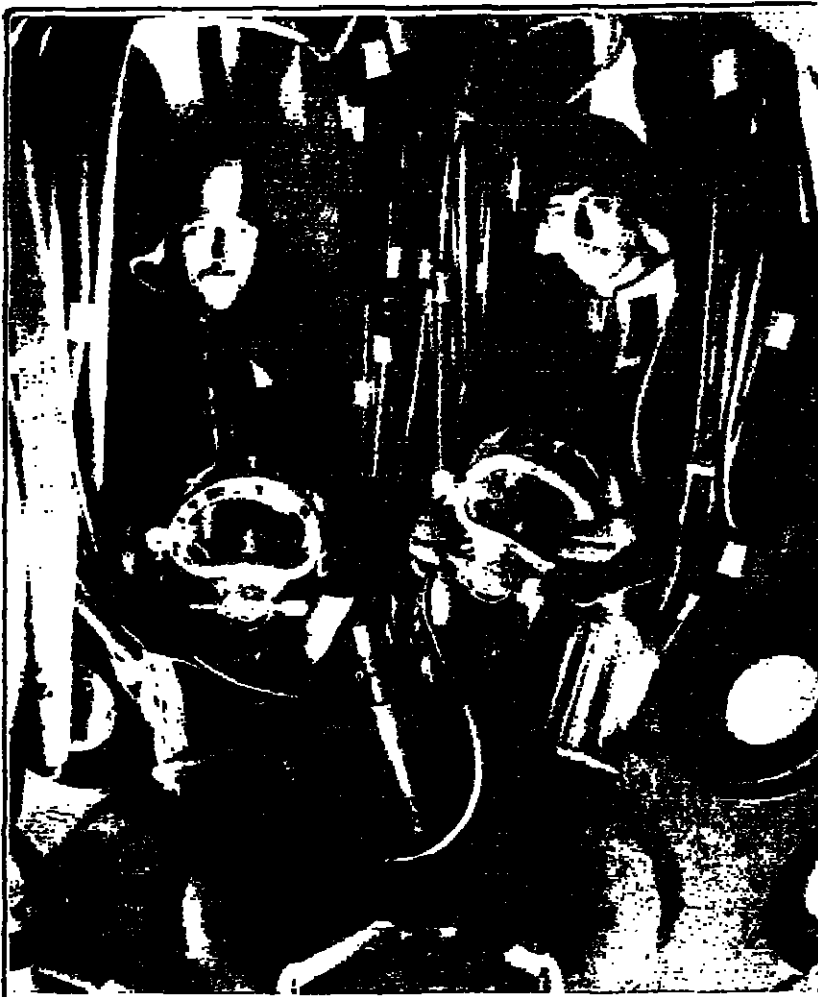
The F-16 is being produced in cooperation with a European

### Iraq to help Somalia build oil refinery

MOGADISHU, March 29 (R). — A team of Iraqi technicians arrived today to help with a \$14 million oil refinery due to be constructed in Somalia with Iraqi aid.

Speaking to reporters on arrival, the head of the Iraqi technical team, Mr. Tariq Obeidi, said the refinery would produce 10,000 barrels per day. Somalia would export any surplus he added.

The project, to be undertaken by an Italian firm, Angiko, will be completed within two years.



**SATURATION DIVING.** — Two divers prepare for descent inside the diving bell of a new deep-sea saturation diving system which has successfully completed trials in north-west England. During the trials, which were monitored by Britain's Ministry of Defence, three experienced divers spent 14 days under pressures equivalent to a water depth of more than 300 metres, breathing 98 per cent helium. They were subjected to full medical examination throughout the test period and emerged with no ill effects.

consortium composed of Belgium, Holland, Norway and Denmark, which are to receive 15 per cent of the sale price of planes sold to other nations.

The Iranian purchase would be the first such foreign sale of the F-16.

The sources said Iran had also begun preliminary talks with the Northrop Corporation for an oil barter purchase of the new navy F-18 fighter in several years.

The cash sales of the F-16 and radar aircraft were originally intended as government-to-government military sales, which would have required con-

### France extends \$1.7m aid to Niger

NIGER, March 29 (AFP). — The French Fund for Aid and Cooperation (FAC) is to finance six projects in Niger covering agriculture, reforestation, education and meat production to the tune of 346.6 million francs (\$1.7 million).

They include: a plan to build a college of agronomy in Niamey, tree planting around the capital, surveillance and planning for new slaughter houses at Tahoua Maradi and Zinder, irrigation extension at Ibohamane (Ader region), land development along the Niger River and cattle ranching in Dosso region.

An agreement concluding the deal was signed on Saturday in Niamey between French ambassador Henri Costilles and Niger Foreign Minister captain Moumouni Djermakoye Adamou.

gressional approval.

The barter deals are being negotiated on a commercial basis between the arms contractors and Iran. Pending legislation however, would also require congressional approval for commercial arms sales.

## Anglo-French talks start on Concorde production

PARIS, March 29 (R). — The future of the Anglo-French airliner Concorde comes under close scrutiny here today when French and British Ministers meet to discuss how many more of the supersonic aircraft should be built.

French Transport Minister Marcel Cavaillat will be pressing to keep open the Concorde production lines while his British counterpart Gerald Kaufman, Minister of State for Industry, is known to oppose further construction at present.

President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and British Prime Minister Harold Wilson agreed two years ago that 16 Concordes should be built. Nine have been sold so far.

The last two planned production models are now being built, but firm orders for more Concordes cannot be expected until the plane is finally cleared to fly the North Atlantic route for which it was designed.

French sources said one way for the two governments to keep the project open without actually completing more planes would be to order some components which could be put to other uses if no more orders for Concorde materialised.

With number 16 due to fly in

## ECONOSCOPE

By Jawad Ahm

### Is there a plumber in the country

It is not easy these days to repair anything that may be out of order in most houses in Amman. If you do not believe this, just try to get a plumber, or an electrician, or an upholsterer, and you'll see exactly what I mean.

This shortage in technicians and skilled workers is attributable to the constant flow of workers abroad, and to the boom in the construction business here at home. The workers are all too engaged in fulfilling big contracts to pay attention to small repair jobs. Thus the cost of repair is going up; and due to the decreasing supply of labour, prices promise to go even higher. The household sector must begin to adjust to this new development before repairs become a giant nagging headache.

Advanced industrial countries passed through a similar stage. Technicians who were avidly employed eight hours everyday for lucrative salaries would not accept minor repair duties. This is because the amounts earned from performing these are not worth the leisure foregone. As the incomes of skilled workers increase, the price of leisure increases as well, thus pushing the cost of repairs to prohibitive limits.

What we witness now in Jordan is a similar development. This vacuum in the labour market can be bridged from both the demand and supply sides.

On the demand side, individuals must get up the courage to repair a deficient plug or a leaky faucet. To help them acquire such mini but handy skills, they could start buying books on the subjects and acquiring tool kits. It is a rarity in Jordan to find a household which keeps a screwdriver or a hammer.

Communications media can also help in this regard by publishing or transmitting sim-

ple instructive lessons on how to carry simple repair jobs.

On the supply side, the vacuum created by institutionalising repair activity is still of secondary importance. An intelligent entrepreneur, who is not necessarily a technician himself, can establish a shop. He offers the tools and tempting rates to two or three skilled workers who shuttle around in answer to household calls. Such a project is not costly, and is financially rewarding.

Two or three enterprising technicians pool their efforts to start a repair shop if they lack the necessary funds, they should be able to acquire them from, say, the International Development Bank (IDB). I believe IDB must include in its financing program an item to this effect.

The feasibility of the repair business be substantiated on many grounds. There is a high demand for repair services. While the cost of fixtures and hot equipment is high, the cost of repair ways seem comparatively low.

Second, the fixed cost of establishing a repair shop is not very high, just like services. Moreover, the operational cost is also low. Therefore, the average cost will certainly fall below the price.

Third, a repair shop will not be content with selling services, but can also sell a host of hardware items. Most repairs will require the replacement of one small part. A repairman will earn from his service and also a profit from parts he sells.

I believe that a little ingenuity, part of both households and skilled labour, can prove to be of great help to all of us, and to the economy at large.

### 700 km pipeline in Sudan completed

KHARTOUM, March 29 (AFP). — Construction of a 700 kms section of a planned 815 km oil pipeline linking Khartoum, the Sudanese capital, with the country's main seaport, Port Sudan, was completed today, the Sudan News Agency reported.

The remaining 115 kms of the Kuwaiti-financed pipeline will be completed by May, the agency said. Total cost will be more than \$50 million.

Construction has been carried out by the West German company Sudrohrbau and the British company, McLapine.

Five pumping stations along the pipeline will handle a flux of 100 cubic metres of oil an hour. This, however, will in future be increased to 140 cubic metres an hour.

The 700 km section in northern Sudan, is the first phase of an overall project to link the capital with the oil refinery at Port Sudan. When complete in May, the pipeline will be capable of pumping 600,000 tons of oil annually into the capital.

Following are the exchange rates at the business day yesterday. Two figures denote the selling prices in Jordan.

U.S. dollar :	33 1/2
U.K. sterling :	6 1/2
French franc :	7 1/2
Swiss franc :	12 1/2
German mark :	12 1/2
Iraqi dinar :	9 1/2
Kuwaiti dinar :	1,12 1/2
Saudi riyal :	9 1/2
Syrian pound :	8 1/2
Egyptian pound :	45 1/2
Lebanese pound :	131 1/2
U.A.E. dirham :	8 1/2

### UAE, India talks on energy cooperation

NEW DELHI, March 29 — The United Arab Emirates and India are in talks on energy cooperation, Deputy Minister for Energy and Water, Sayed Iqbal, arrived here today for an eight-day official visit.

He was greeted at the airport by his Indian counterpart, Minister for Energy and Water, Shri. H. D. Deshmukh. The two officials will have talks with government leaders and officials in the field of energy.

## Tonight's TV Features

### BARBARY COAST

#### ARSON AND OLD LACE

A gang blackmails owners of fishing boats in 1 county. Cash's friend, owner of the saloon succeeds in prebending gang.

### JUSTICE

#### HARRIET PETERSON vs Dr. MOODY

Harriet has to make a difficult decision which will affect the rest of her life. Marriage to Dr. Moody or professional career.

### SWITCH

#### BIG DEAL IN PARADISE

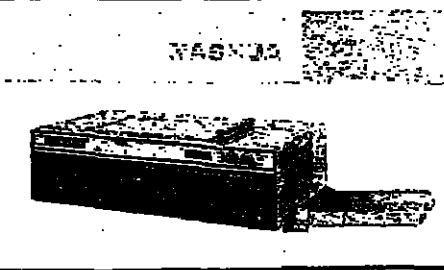
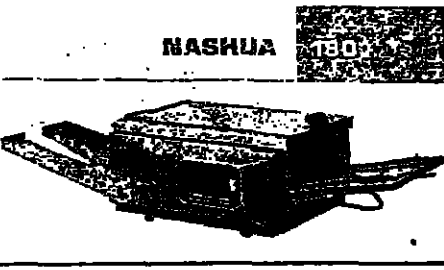
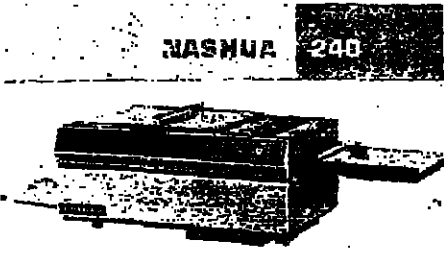
One hundred thousand dollars of government is stolen. Ryan and MacBride help in catching thief and retribute money to the U.S. treasury.

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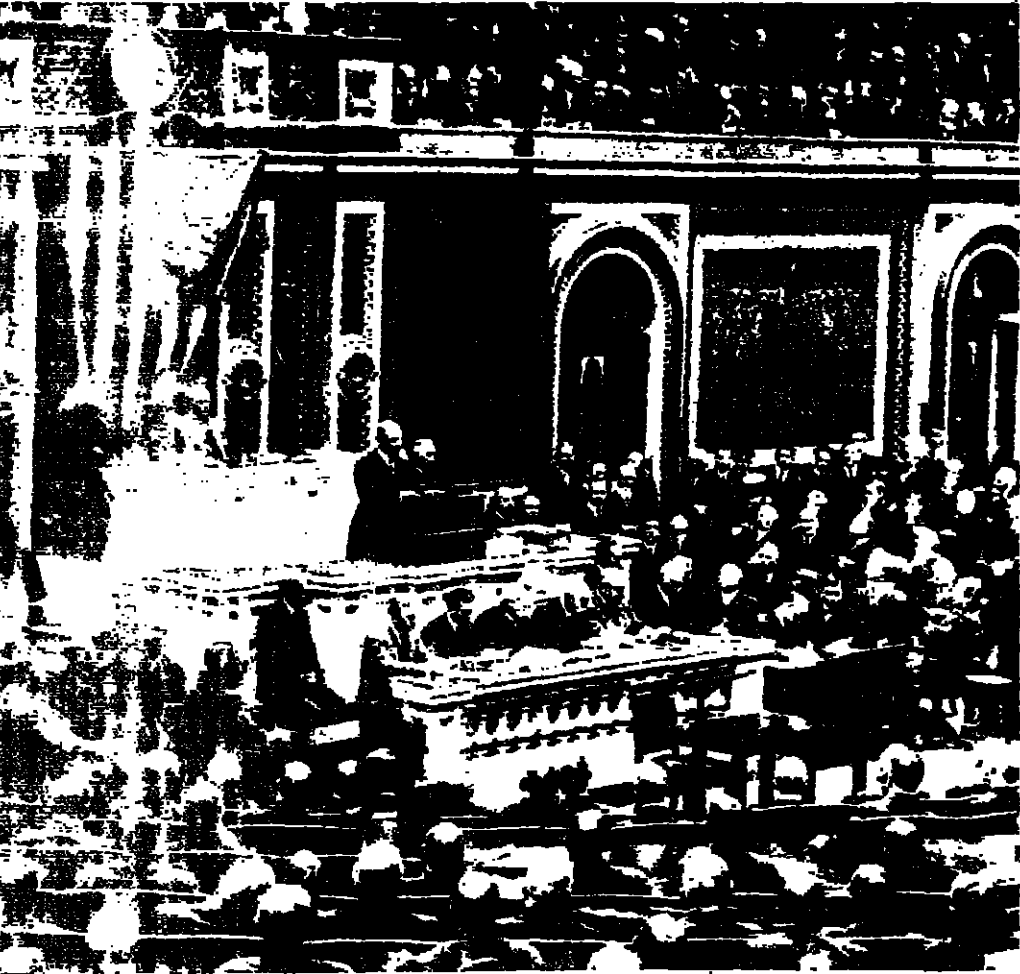




WASHINGTON, standing at right, dominates this scene at the signing of the American Constitution by Howard Chandler Christy. The painting hangs in the House of Representatives U.S. Capitol Building.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN reading the Emancipation Proclamation to his Cabinet in 1862. (The painting is by Francis B. Carpenter.) Left to right: Secretary of State William H. Seward, (foreground), Secretary of Interior Caleb B. Smith, Postmaster General Montgomery Blair and Attorney General Edward Bates.



WOODROW WILSON signed his Fourteen Points to be used as a guide for a peace settlement at the Versailles Congress on January 9, 1918.

## 200 years later... America strives as ever for "more perfect union"



GERALD R. FORD is sworn in as President of the United States by Chief Justice Warren Burger (right) as Mrs. Ford looks on.



PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN signs the ratification of the North Atlantic Treaty in the White House on July 25, 1948, as key members of Congress and Administration officials look on. Vice President Alben Barkley stands at the President's left side with his hand on the back of his chair.



"A MORE PERFECT UNION" as seen in an artist's concept of the melting of men and institutions in the building of the American democracy.

The pictures here are the first of a series of photo-essays the Jordan Times will publish during the coming months in tribute to Bicentennial celebrations in the United States marking the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution.

The scenes portrayed here are tied together by the theme of a nation of diverse people who have sought as the American constitution notes, to form "A More Perfect Union."

On the occasion of this Bicentennial year, the Jordan Times takes the opportunity, on behalf of all the people of Jordan and Palestine, to send along to the American people our warm greetings and fond wishes for many more centuries of good health and good cheer.

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Almond (dry) : 120-180	Onions (dry) : 110-150
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Apples (golden) : 120-160	Potatoes (Egypt.) : 80-120
Apples (Starken) : 130-170	Potatoes (local) : 80-120
Apples (double red) : 200-240	Peas : 130-170
Bell pepper : 200-240	Spinach : 30-50
Bananas : 150-190	String beans : 240-280
Cabbage : 30-55	Tangerines : 70-110
Cauliflower : 50-75	Tomatoe : 80-120
Cauliflower (large head) : 140-200	
Carrots (small head) : 80-120	
Carrots (yellow) : 50-65	
Cucumbers (small) : 180-220	
Cucumbers (large) : 100-150	
Eggplant : 120-160	
Grapefruit : 45-55	
Garlic (green) : 80-160	
Garlic (dry) : 100-140	
Lettuce (large) : 60-80	
Lettuce (small) : 30-50	
Lemon : 60-90	
Horse beans : 220-280	
Hot pepper : 380-460	
Marrow (small) : 90-120	
Marrow (large) : 50-70	
Orange : 70-100	

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#### CHANNEL 6 :

7.30	News in Hebrew
7.45	Varieties
8.30	Dr. at large
9.00	Science report
9.10	Justice
10.00	News in English
10.15	Switch (on both channels)

### Radio

#### (ON 856 KHZ)

7.00	Breakfast show
7.30	News Bulletin
7.45	Morning melodies
8.00	Sign off
12.00	Pop session (part I)
13.00	News Summary
13.03	Pop session (Part II)
14.00	News Bulletin
14.10	Radio magazine
14.30	Good vibrations
15.00	Classical music
15.30	Light Instrumentals
16.00	Old Favourites
16.30	Easy listening
17.00	Studio one
18.00	News Summary
18.05	Listener's choice
18.30	Story time
19.00	News Bulletin
19.10	News reports
19.30	Sign off

### Arrivals

#### ARRIVALS :

8.30	Bangkok, Bahrain
9.30	Kuwait (KAC)
16.15	Cairo
16.30	Fais
16.55	London
17.20	Copenhagen, Frankfurt
17.45	Rome
18.30	Beirut (MEA)
18.40	Amsterdam, Athens (KLM)

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The military junta has already announced that its members will hold office for a maximum

The Egyptian President's visit to Bonn began with a private lunch given for him and his wife, Jihan, by Mr. Scheel and his wife at their official residence on the bank of the Rhine. Mr. Sadat laid a wreath at the monument to the victims of World War and the Nazi regime, signed a guest book at the city hall and met the diplomatic corps at a reception.

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## King Hussein i

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of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Walter Washington, the Mayor of the District of Columbia; Alfred Atherton, Assistant Secretary of State; Jordanian Ambassador in the U.S. Abdullah Salah; and Mr. Juillermo Sevilla-Facasa, the Nicaraguan Ambassador to the U.S. and the dean of the Washington diplomatic corps, among others.

On Wednesday, the King will breakfast with congressional leaders, hold another meeting with President Ford, confer with members of the Senate and House of Representatives fo-

**HAPPY IN BONN.** — A smiling President Anwar Sadat of Egypt waves to a crowd of people at Bonn airport Monday where he arrived at the start of his European tour. To his left is West German President Walter Scheel. (AP wirephoto).

mission for economic cooperation. Today's meeting of the joint commission is its first since it was set up after talks between Heavy British involvement in the Saudi development plan could lead to more than a fivefold increase in Britain's present 200 million sterling worth Crown Prince Fahd Ibn Abdulaziz and Prime Minister Harold Wilson in London last November.

On the continuing warfare President and Amman Citibank Manger Mr. Terry McMullan. He is accompanied by Citibank Senior Vice President for the Middle East and Africa Mr. Edwin P. Hoffman.

King Hussein is accompanied on the trip by Her Majesty Queen Alya, Prime Minister Zeir Rifai and Mrs. Rifai, Princess Alia, Princess Basma, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'ad Ibr Zeid, and National Planning Council President Mr. Hanna Odeh.

States veto in the Security Council last week, while talks with Secretary Rumsfeld will centre on last year's agreement for Jordan to buy American Hawk anti-aircraft missile batteries.

He and four fellow scientists, all formerly engaged on nuclear work for the U.S. government, were filmed in the Princeton on University study room where Professor Albert Einstein

Dr. Kaunda, who gave his views at a breakfast meeting with foreign correspondents here, also criticised Soviet intervention in Angola.

At the close the industrial average shows at 997.40, a loss of 6.06 points ; transp. at 208.87, a loss of 0.75 ; utilities at 87.45 a gain of 0.15. 16,100,000 shares changed hands, of which 2,950,000 during the last hour.

Marks, Unilever and Tubes were among shares to close unchanged on the day after initial falls.

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